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FROM MR. CUNNINGHAM, ACTING

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1. RE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 1. REF, AND THE POSSIBLE PANIC EFFECT

THIS COULD HAVE ON [] BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE AMPLIFIED TO INDICATE THAT, BASED ON INFO PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS THAT ARTICLE 342 WAS INADVERTENTLY OVERSTRESSED IN AIR REFUELING FOLLOWING A DRY HOOKUP IN SOME MANNER AND AFTER BREAKING AWAY FROM THE TANKER.

2. IT ~~WAS~~ OCCURRED TO HQS THAT "STRUCTURAL FAILURE" MIGHT IMPLY ALL MANNER OF HORRORS [] ADD TO OUR EXISTING BURDENS IN CONNECTION WITH EVENTUAL RESUMPTION TACKLE FLTS.

3. IT APPEARS QUITE PROBABLE THAT WIRE SERVICES WILL PICK ACCIDENT UP IN LIGHT OF INQUIRIES ALREADY IN HANDS OF AIR FORCE HQS. WRECKAGE FELL APPROX 33 NM ON A 330 DEGREE RADIAL FROM EDWARDS TACAN IN

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FOOT HILLS OF SIERRA NEVADAS IN RELATIVELY INACCESSABLE LOCATION.

PILOT TRACKED TO GROUND BY [REDACTED] IN T-33 CHASE AND KC-135

TANKER. PICKED UP IN MATTER OF MINUTES BY EAFB CHOPPER AND RETURNED TO BASE.

4. RE [REDACTED] STATUS; SAC HAS BEEN ADVISED. BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY

THEY WILL RESPOND BY GROUNDING THEIR PILOTS. GENERAL LEDFORD,

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY ON SCENE AT [REDACTED]

END OF MESSAGE

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
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